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In the Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** A vacuum cleaner brushroll, comprising:  
a brushroll body; and  
at least one row of bristle tufts disposed on the brushroll body, with the at least one row of  
bristle tufts comprising a first tuft of a first effective length from the brushroll body and  
at least a second tuft of a second effective length that is different from the first effective  
length, with the first tuft being oriented at a first angle with respect to a radius  
direction of the brushroll body and with the second tuft being oriented at a second  
angle.
2. **(Original)** The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the first tuft is of a first  
diameter and the second tuft is of a second diameter that is different from the first diameter.
3. **(Original)** The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the first tuft is of a first  
stiffness and the second tuft is of a second stiffness that is different from the first stiffness.
4. **(Original)** The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the first tuft is of a first  
material and the second tuft is of a second material that is different from the first material.
5. **(Original)** The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the first tuft is of a first  
color and the second tuft is of a second color that is different from the first color.
6. **(Original)** The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the first tuft is of a first  
number of bristles and the second tuft is of a second number of bristles that is different from the  
first number of bristles.
7. **(Withdrawn)** The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 1, wherein the at least one row of  
bristle tufts is substantially radially-outwardly oriented from the brushroll body.
8. **(Cancelled)**

9. (Withdrawn) A vacuum cleaner brushroll, comprising:  
a brushroll body; and  
at least one row of substantially radially-outwardly oriented bristle tufts disposed on the  
brushroll body, with a particular tuft of the at least one row comprising first bristles of a  
first effective length from the brushroll body and at least second bristles of a second  
effective length that is different from the first effective length.
10. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 9, wherein the first bristles are of a  
first diameter and the second bristles are of a second diameter that is different from the first  
diameter.
11. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 9, wherein the first bristles are of a  
first stiffness and the second bristles are of a second stiffness that is different from the first  
stiffness.
12. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 9, wherein the first bristles are of a  
first material and the second bristles are of a second material that is different from the first  
material.
13. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 9, wherein the first bristles are of a  
first color and the second bristles are of a second color that is different from the first color.
14. (Withdrawn) The vacuum cleaner brushroll of claim 9, wherein the first bristles are  
formed of a first number of bristles and the second bristles are formed of a second number of  
bristles that is different from the first number of bristles.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A method of forming a vacuum cleaner brushroll, said method comprising:

providing a brushroll body; and

providing at least one row of bristle tufts disposed on the brushroll body, with the at least one row of bristle tufts comprising a first tuft of a first effective length from the brushroll body and at least a second tuft of a second effective length that is different from the first effective length, with the first tuft being oriented at a first angle with respect to a radius direction of the brushroll body and with the second tuft being oriented at a second angle.

16. **(Original)** The method of claim 15, wherein the first tuft is of a first diameter and the second tuft is of a second diameter that is different from the first diameter.

17. **(Original)** The method of claim 15, wherein the first tuft is of a first stiffness and the second tuft is of a second stiffness that is different from the first stiffness.

18. **(Original)** The method of claim 15, wherein the first tuft is of a first material and the second tuft is of a second material that is different from the first material.

19. **(Original)** The method of claim 15, wherein the first tuft is of a first color and the second tuft is of a second color that is different from the first color.

20. **(Original)** The method of claim 15, wherein the first tuft is of a first number of bristles and the second tuft is of a second number of bristles that is different from the first number of bristles.

21. **(Withdrawn)** The method of claim 15, wherein the at least one row of bristle tufts is substantially radially-outwardly oriented from the brushroll body.

22. **(Cancelled)**

23. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a vacuum cleaner brushroll, said method comprising:  
providing a brushroll body; and  
providing at least one row of substantially radially-outwardly oriented bristle tufts disposed  
on the brushroll body, with a particular tuft of the at least one row comprising first  
bristles of a first effective length from the brushroll body and at least second  
bristles of a second effective length that is different from the first effective length.
24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the first bristles are of a first diameter  
and the second bristles are of a second diameter that is different from the first diameter.
25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the first bristles are of a first stiffness and  
the second bristles are of a second stiffness that is different from the first stiffness.
26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the first bristles are of a first material and  
the second bristles are of a second material that is different from the first material.
27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the first bristles are of a first color and  
the second bristles are of a second color that is different from the first color.
28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, wherein the first tuft is of a first number of  
bristles and the second tuft is of a second number of bristles that is different from the first  
number of bristles.